11. Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur-482 004.
12. Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Krishi Nagar, Raipur-492 012.
13. Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Trichur-680 654.
14. Konkan Krishi Vidyalapeeth, Dapoli-415 712.
15. Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani.
16. Mahatma Phule Agricultural University, Rahuri 413 712. Distt. Ahmadnagar.
17. Punjabrao Krishi Vidyappeth, Krishi Nagar, Akola-444 104.
18. Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-140 004.
19. Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar-751 008.
20. Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner-334 001.
21. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-641 003.
22. Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur-208 002.
23. G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar-263 145.
24. N.D. University of Agril. & Technology, Faizabad-224 001.
25. Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, P.O. Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mohanpur, Distt. Nadia 741 252.
26. Sher-E-Kashmir Uni. of Agri. & Science & Technology, Railway Station Road, Jammu Tavi-180 004. Post Box 262, Shalimar, Srinagar (J & K)
27. Tamil Nadu Veterinary & A.S.S. University, Madras.

Medicinal Plants

4098. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh abounds in the growth of medicinal plants;

(b) if so, details of the medicinal plants growth in that State at present; and

(c) steps being taken to preserve these plants for use in Indian system of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A large number of useful medicinal plants are being grown in the state. The important ones are Chirayata, Attis, Karu, Banufsha, Muskbala, Kutaj, Kamala, Rasaunth, Jatamanshi, Sarpgandha, Dioscore and Pushkarmool etc.

(c) Government of India have proposed to implement a central sector scheme to develop the important medicinal and aeromatic plants grown in the states including Himachal Pradesh during 1992-93.

Himalayan Milk Producers Union

4099. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) wrether Government are aware of the fact that Himalayan Milk Producers Union in West Bengal is facing the chronic problem of regular loss and mismanagement for the last so many years; and

(b) if so, the details of steps which Government propose to take to save this industry from further losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The Government is aware of the fact that the Himalayan Cooperative Milk Producers Union had

been facing problems in its milk trading operations and other activities.

(b) The Government of West Bengal has taken the following steps to revive the activities of the Union:—

(i) Financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 60 lakh has been released to this milk union.

(ii) A new Chief Executive Officer has been posted in this 'Milk' Union.

(iii) A Committee has been constituted to look into the chronic problems of the Milk Union.

(iv) The Milk Union has since resumed its milk trading operations and has taken necessary steps to gear up its activities.

VFC Tobacco

4100. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the question of transfer of Cost of Production Scheme of VFC tobacco in Andhra Pradesh, from Ministry of Agriculture to Agro Economic Research Centre of Andhra University;

(b) if so, whether a decision has been taken in the matter;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The decision has already been taken to transfer the VFC Tobacco Scheme from Dte. of Tobacco Development, Madras to AER Centre, Waltair, Andhra University.

(d) The modalities and other procedural details of the transfer deed are being worked in consultation with all concerned. However, these modalities would depend on the terms and conditions of the transfer deed.

Requirement of fertilizers of small and marginal farmers

@4101. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the requirement of fertilizer by the small and marginal farmers in the country during the year 1991-92;

(b) whether it was supplied at cheap rates to them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The fertilizer requirement of small & marginal farmers was estimated to be about 30 per cent of the total fertilizer consumption in the country.

(b) and (c) The State Governments/ Union Territories were allocated Rs. 405 crores during 1991-92 for supply of fertilizer to small & marginal farmers at the prices prevailing before 25-7-1991. The State Governments were given flexibility to formulate schemes for reaching the target group of farmers. The scheme is under implementation by the State Governments.

Manufacturing and import of pesticides

@@4102. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pesticides which have been banned or unregistered in the country of origin are manufactured and imported in the country, if so, the quantities and value of such pesticides manufactured or imported during the last 3 years;

@Previously Unstarred Question 2265, transferred from the 12th March, 1992.

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